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Urs leaves Indira

Bangalore, June 30 (UNI) — Karnataka Chief Minister Devraj Urs virtually severed connections with the Congress (I) by questioning the leadership of Mrs. Indira Gandhi in his strongly worded reply to the Congress (I) High Command's show cause notice.

Anticipating his explusion from the Party when the Working Committee meets to take a decision, Mr. Urs convened an emergency meeting of the legislature and organizational wings of the Karnataka Pradesh (State) Congress (I) separately.

In his nine page reply, Mr. Urs made it clear that he did not owe his office as the KPCC(I) President either to the party high command or to Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

He said the partymen in Karnataka would never accept the ad hoc committee imposed on them, replacing the duly elected KPCC (I) in an authoritarian and arbitrary manner.

While denying the charge of discipline, Mr. Urs told Mrs. Gandhi that he could not be treated as a school boy needing admonition at the hands of a headmistress. He said the KPCC (I) refused to be treated as "serfs, vassels and bonded labour."

Mr. Urs questioned the validity of the election of Mrs. Gandhi as the President of the AICC at a convention, particulary when there was no vacancy.

Mr. Urs accused Mrs. Gandhi of authoritarianism which, he said, would go ill with democracy.

Ananada Marga chief may travel abroad

New Delhi, June 30 (UNI) — The restrictions on the Ananda Marga Chief, P.R. Sarkar, travelling abroad have been removed.

The Supreme Court has vacated the stay order issued on June 12 stating that Mr. Sarkar should not leave India after his return from a foreign tour this month notwithstanding the issuance of a passport to him.

The order was issued by the vacation judge, Justice R.S. Pathak.

Counsel for Mr. Sarkar submitted that Bihar's Additional Advocate General did not "seriously object" to Mr. Sarkar's going abroad.

The conditions suggested by the Additional Advocate General included an undertaking by Mr. Sarkar that he would return to India at the expiry of his passport, that he would appear before the court as and when required and that he would make a security deposit.

Counsel recalled that Patna High Court has fixed the security deposit at Rs. 50,000.

Mr. Sarkar, who left India on May 6 on his foreign tour, has since returned home.

The Bihar Government had sought through a special leave petition on May 4 a stay of Mr. Sarkar's leaving the country. But as Mr. Sarkar did leave India on May 6, the Bihar Government moved another application on June 12 urging that Mr. Sarkar be restrained from leaving India after his return.

Rouble aid promised

New Delhi (IBS) — The Soviet Union has agreed to give a credit of 250 million roubles as an initial investment for the steel plant being set up at Visakhapatnam with Soviet assistance, Secretary of the Steel Ministry Mantosh Sondhi said here.

Sondhi, who attended the recent meeting of the Indo-Soviet Joint Commission on Economic and Scientific Cooperation in Moscow, added that the total value of the project would be assessed after the detailed project report was finalised.

Preliminary work on the post based steel plant would start before December this year. The total cost of the project, including the infrastructure facilities amount to Rs. 25,000 million.

Originally India thought of accepting the Soviet aid for the project under a system of production compensation. As the demand for steel within the country increased, it was felt that there would be no steel to spare from the plant. The Indian Government has, consequently, decided not to accept Soviet credit on production compensation basis.

INDIA DEVELOPING LAUNCHING PAD

Bangalore (IBS) — In the next five years India would be in a position to launch a satellite of the size of "Bhaskara 1" now in orbit, from an indigenously developed launching pad, according to Prof. U.E. Rao, Director of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

IA to expand

New Delhi (IBS) — The Indian Airlines is reported to have received definite dates about the arrival of additions to its fleet bringing the final tally to eight Airbuses, 21 Boeing-737, eight Fokker Friendships and 16 Avros by September 1981.

The additions are three Airbuses and eight Boeing-737s two of which are replacements for ones that crashed at Hyderabad and Madras recently. According to the arrival schedule, one Airbus is expected in October this year and the remaining two in 1980.

The delivery of the Boeing to begin in May 1980 will be completed by September 1981.

These additions to its fleet will make the Indian Airlines one of the largest domestic airlines in the world with a 51,000 km net work.

Swaran welcomes Urs stand

New Delhi, July 7 (UNI) — Congress President Swaran Singh has praised Karnataka Chief Minister Devraj Urs for his "bold stand" against the "forces of ad hocism" in the Congress (I).

Swaran Singh, who had so far avoided direct comment on Congress (I) affairs in Karnataka, told newsmen that Mrs. Urs and his firends had demonstrated that they were pursuing the same goals and objectives as the Indian National Congress.

He said this had raised hopes in the Congress that eventualy all Congressmen believing in the democratic functioning of the organisation would come together to play an effective role in bringing about stability in the political life of the country.

Dump Sanjay move

Bombay, June 29 (UNI) — N.K. Tirpude, Chairman of the Maharashtra Congress (I) Legislature Party, said that the real issue threatening the party's very existence was Sanjay Gandhi's "interference" in its affairs.

Addressing a press conference here, Mr. Tirpude alleged that despite assertions to the contrary by Party Presdent Indira Gandhi, her son Sanjay was very much back with his "old style of functioning" and was "dabbling" in Congress (I) affairs.

He said Karnataka Chief Minister Devraj Urs became unacceptable to Mrs. Gandhi and the High Command only when he spoke against Sanjay Gandhi at the last AICC(I) session. The issue of presidentship of the Karnataka Pradesh (State) Congress (I) was used only as an excuse to teach Mr. Urs a lesson.

Mr. Tirpude urged the Congress (I) High Command, particularly Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to think of the party's survival and keep Sanjay Gandhi away from its affairs.

RUPEE UP AGAINST ROUBLE

Bombay (IBS) — The exchange rate between the Indian rupee and the Russian rouble has been revised to Rs. 9.6938 per rouble with effect from June 16, as against the earlier rate of Rs. 10 per rouble the Reserve Bank of India has announced.

Cracks in Janata party

New Delhi, July 11 (Reuter) Fourteen more members of the Indian Parliament resigned from the Janata Party yesterday, further reducing its overa-all majority just days before a vote of no confidence.

But the Government which has been in power for 27 months, is expected to survive.

So far, 27 Janata members have resigned from the party since Parliament reopened after the summer recess marked by police strikes, violence and a sudden rise in inflation.

Most defectors joined former Health Mhister Raj Narain, who resigned last month after alleging that the party was dominated by communal forces. Mr. Narain, who has named hisbreakaway faction the Janata (secular) Party, said yesterday his group would vote for the no confidence motion, introduced by the Congress Party.

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress faction lost its status as the main opposition in Parliament following defections over her alleged authoritarianism and her son Sanjay's return to politics.

Y.B. Chavan, a former minister who leads the rival Congress wing, is the new Opposition leader.

RECORD RABI PURCHASES

New Delhi (IBS) — Procurement of the winter crop, mainly wheat, this year has set a new record with 7.4 million tonnes of foodgrains having been brought so far, representing an increase of 2.14 million tonnes over the quantity procured in the corresponding period last year.

Smugglers in office

New Delhi (IBS) — International smuggling syndicates dealing in contraband gold and electronic watches have penetrated into various Government agencies working at airports, mainly Delhi and Bombay, Minister of State for Finance Satish Aggarwal said here.

According to figures available with the anti-smuggling cell in the Finance Ministry, 40 public servants belonging to airlines, customs, police, CBI and postal services have been found to be "deeply involved" in a number of smuggling cases detected so far. The value of the smuggled goods seized in these cases exceeded Rs. 18 million. Of the 40 public servants, 14 belonged to Indian Airlines and Air India, 13 to cusotms, nine to police, CBI and other security agencies working at the airports. The remaining four were from postal services and potters.

Aggarwal said that there was a marked change in the modus operandi in international smuggling which was now being done through airlines instead of shippping them by shows and small ships operating on the high seas.

According to seizure figures available with the anti-smuggling cell, the value of the goods seized at airports has increased three-fold since 1976 — from Rs. 12.4 million to Rs. 38 million.

Jeep case

New Delhi, June 26 (UNI) — The proceedings in the jeep scandal case were adjourned to give the prosecution time to explain to Justice M.S. Joshi why the Special Court should take up hearing in the case from the stage at which it had been transferred from the Trial Court.

Alternatively, the prosecution is to explain the charge of conspiracy against former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, former Union Minister P.C. Sethi and four others in the alleged procurement of 139 jeeps for electioneering in the 1977 general election.

Scientist's space theory

New Delhi (IBS) - A revolutionary theory of an Indian scientist on the nature of space and origin of matter has aroused a lot of interest in the western world. The theory developed by Parmahamsa Tiwari, project engineer of the Narora Atomic Power Project, appear to have been confirmed by the reported development of a machine by an American scientist which extracts electric energy directly from space.

Called "N-Generator," it has been built by Bruce E. Deplama of the Simularity Institute of California. It uses four ring magnates, a conducting disc and rotating brass shaft and is based on Tiwari's new theory which says space is not empty, as commonly believed, but is filled with "an incompressible, frictionless and highly mobile medium" of superfluid particles whose motion is itself the basic form of energy.

Tiwari developed his theory three years ago in his first book "The Substantial Space" which he further explained in his second book "Space Vortices of Energy and Matter." In essence, Tiwari's theory says that the emptiness one sees in space is not only the source of energy but is also the source of all material objects. His concept has won several followers in Canada, Britain and the United States, including science bodies like the Energy Unlimited in Los Angeles and New Science Advocates in Utah, USA. They have jointly set up the "British American Scientific and Research Association" whose main objective is to review the theories of Einstein which consider space as empty instead of being filled with "space substance." Tiwari is one of its 11 members; others come from Canada, USA and Britain.

According to Tiwari's theory the emptiness of space is illusory. It actually is filled with a space substance. Both energy and matter come from the circulation of the space substance which creates "voids'. These "Voids", created within the space substance, are actually the material particles which scientists call "electrons." The theory, Tiwari says in his books, explains most of the physical phenomena "including formation of stars and planetary systems."

Raj Narain removed

New Delhi, June 29 (UNI) - The Janata Party's Central Disciplinary Action Committee has ordered the removal of Former Health Minister Raj Narain from the Party's National Executive and debarred his re-entry for one year for breaching the party discipline.

The Committee took the step by a five to one majority. Anantram Jaiswal, who belongs to the erstwhile Bharatiya Lok Dal opposed the action. The seventh member, M.A. Harris, has not been attending the Committee meetings.

Under the party constitution, Raj Narain can appeal to the National Executive against the decision within three weeks. Also, Party President Chandra Shekhar has the authority to stay the Committee's order.

Party sources, however, made it clear that this action did not prejudice Raj Narain's membership of the Janata Party and its Parliamentary wing.

Airbuses being inspected

New Delhi (IBS) - Indian Airlines has ordered an inspection of all its five widebodied Airbuses planes which fly between the country's major cities - Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore and Trivandrum - to check if there are any problems with the wing pylons to which the engines are attached. Discussions are also on for the inspection of Air India's Boeing 747 fleet.

But neither the Airbuses nor the Jumbos are being grounded as they are considered totally safe but the inspections are being carried out "as a measure of abundant precaution."

The inspections follow the advice given by the Federal Aviation Administration to US airlines to inspect the engine mountings of all wide-body planes, including the Airbuses and Boeing-747s, following the Chicago crash of a D.C.-10 after one engine fell off the wing.

The European manufacturers of the Airbus here, however, assured Indian Airlines that since the design of the airbus pylons was substantially different from that of D.C.-10, it would not face a similar problem. The manufacturers have recommended "no additional action" but said that a visual inspection of the wing-to-engine assembly could be carried out. Indian Airlines has ordered such an inspection of each plane "in the interest of flight safety" during the normal maintenance checks.

Husband seeks return of MLA wife

New Delhi (IBS) - The murky nature of State politics in India was dramatically highlighted recently when reports appeared in newspapers that a harassed husband in Haryana, bordering Delhi, had sought the intravention of the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister for return of his wife.

Dissidents in Haryana, in their effort to oust Chief Minister Devi Lal, have "detained" around 30 of their own supporters in a neighbouring State, where they cannot be reached by the Chief Minister's men.

The idea is to prevent the Chief Minister and his supporters from winning over the dissidents in a forth-coming trial of strength.

Both the Chief Minister and the dissidents belong to the ruling Janata Party.

The husband Lakhi Ram Rathi says that his wife, a member of the Haryana Legislative Assembly "is not available to him for the last one week." Their daughter has been operated upon during this period. Also, there is the "social embarrassment caused by a missing wife." Lakhi Ram Rathi told the Prime Minister and the Home Minister in a pathetic letter.

In an appeal to the Home Minister, Rathi has asked him to use all his resources to "procure Mrs. Rathi to me."

Foreign travel tax goes

New Delhi (IBS) - The foreign travel tax of 12 and a half per cent on all tickets bought with Indian rupees is being abolished with effect from June 15 - as promised by Finance Minister Charan Singh in his budget on February 28 - and is being replaced by a flat rate of Rs 100 at the point of embarkation for international journeys. For neighbouring countries - Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Burma - the rate will be only Rs 50.

The tax was imposed by Mrs Indira Gandhi's Congress Government in 1971 and had the indirect impact of devaluation of the Indian rupee because tickets bought with foreign currency or received from abroad did not bear the tax.

Explaining the salient features of the new scheme, Minister of State for Finance Satish Agarwal told a press-conference that the present revenue of Rs 100 million from the tax would remain practically the same, but the passenger would get considerable relief. It would no longer be worthwhile buying a ticket with foreign exchange or receive it from abroad. His hope that the revenue from the tax would remain the same as under the present system stemmed from the belief that the new dispensation would help check "largescale evasion of tax and plug leakage of foreign exchange."

He also announced that the present boarding charge of Rs 20 levied at the four international airports - Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras - would be withdrawn and International Airports Authority of India would be compensated to the tune of Rs 20 million which was the average income from this charge. The passenger would thus be paying only Rs 30 in lieu of the foreign travel tax which could be a thousand or more rupees depending on the price of the air ticket.

In support of his contention that there was considerable avoidance of the tax in recent years, Agarwal said that while the number of passengers going abroad had almost doubled since 1975-76, the revenue had not increased proportionately. For instance in 1976;77 the total passengers were about 1.1 million and the revenue Rs 101.1 million while in 1978-79 there had been an increase of about 400,000 but the revenue went up only by six million rupees. This was due to the fact that between 40 to 50 per cent of the passengers avoided tax by buying tickets through friends and relatilons abroad, he said.

Prohibition ordinance

Patna (IBS) - The Bihar Government promulgated an ordinance reimposing prohibition throughout the State with effect from April 1 this year. The ordinance follows a Patna High Court judgement last month quashing an executive order of March 27 imposing total prohibition in the State. While nullifying the notification, the Court had observed that the Government was competent to enforce total prohibition through legislative measures.

The Ordinance does not bar consumption or possession of foreign liquor by members of defence services within the premises of defence establishments of foreign nationals holding permits.

Birth of two nations

Laila Naik

British House of Commons, Indian Independence Act, 1947. Article 1: As from the 15th day of August, nineteen hundred and forty seven, two independent Dominions shall be set up in India to be known respectively as India and Pakistan.

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Muhammad Ali Jinnah, architect and founding father of the Islamic State of Pakistan said:

In 1919, to the Indian National Congress: "Nothing will please me more when that day comes, when all distinction between Hindus and Muslims would have disappeared."

In 1925, in the course of discussion on the Indian Finance Bill: "I, sir, stand here with a clear conscience and say that I am a nationalist first, a nationalist second and a nationalist last..."

In 1926, at an All Parties Conference: "I have not come to say what Musalmans want. We have come to sit with you as co-workers. Let us put our heads together, not as Hindus or Mahomedans, but as Indians."

In 1928, at the All parties National Convention, Jinnah pleaded for the adoption of what he regarded as moderate proposals under which Muslims would be given one third representation in the central legislature and residuary powers be vested in the provinces. Not only were the proposals rejected, but Jinnah's representative capacity as spokesman for the Muslim community was questioned.

He is reported to have said: "This is the parting of the ways." Writes Mumtaz Hassan: "In the rapidly changing world around them, the Muslims who were poorer and less educated than the Hindus and had little influence in the administration, were preoccupied with the idea of preserving themselves as a political and social entity in the subcontinent. They could not however think of anything except the somewhat negative approach implied in the demand for safeguards. This left them nowhere, and their frustration increased. It was left to Iqbal to realise that the Muslims needed a state of their own in order to live their life as a people in their own way."

1930, Sir Muhammad Iqbal: "The unity of an Indian nation must be sought, not in the negation, but in the mutual harmony and cooperation of the many....

It is however, painful to discover that our attempts to discover such a principle of internal harmony have so far failed. Why have they failed? Perhaps we suspect each other's intentions and inwardly aim at dominating each other. Perhaps in the higher interests of mutual cooperation we cannot afford to part with the monopolies which circumstances have placed in our hands.... Perhaps we are unwilling to recognize each group has a right to free development according to its own cultural traditions...."

Jinnah was yet to be convinced. To Frank Moraes, the later doyen of Indian journalists, he said, in 1931: "Iqbal is not a politician, he is a poet. Poets are dreamers."

Said Zafrulla Khan, later foreign minister of Pakistan and a justice of the International Court of Justice, in 1933: "So far as we have considered it (idea of Pakistan), we have considered it chimerical and impracticable."

M. A.H. Ispahani, later to represent Pakistan in the US and UK, writes: "Throughout the movement for the creation of Pakistan, two main objections were raised against it. First, Pakistan would not be economically viable. Secondly, it would not be able to defend itself."

The 1937 general elections saw a transformed Jinnah: "Let me tell you as clearly as I can do so, that the goal of the All India Muslim League is that we want to establish a completely independent state.... with full control finally of defence, currency, exchange etc. We do not want, under any circumstances, a constitution of an all India character with one government at the centre."

Muslims constituted 30 per cent of the electorate. 4.5 per cent of them voted for the Muslim League in 1937. The Indian National Congress formed ministries in 9 out of the 11 provinces; they ruled till 1939 when Britain's unilateral declaration of war on India's behalf led them to prick from parliament in conscientious objection.

Says Sir Penderel Moon, ICS, the Congress "passionately desired to preserve the unity of India. They consistently acted so as to make its partition certian....

They (Hindus) might say the Muslims were their brothers, but would in fact treat them as less than step brothers. The society was not going to change its nature overnight at the pious wish of a Gandhi or a Nehru."

"What added to Muslim anxiety was the uncertain future of Urdu under Congress policies. It must be remembered that for Muslims Urdu was not merely a medium of communications or thinking, but a vital part of their culture." Raja of Mahmudabad, a close associate of Jinnah since 1936.

Actually, the language issue was over a century old by then. Sir Syed Ahmed, the earliest Muslim educationist and reformer of modern India, wrote to a friend in 1870: "I have heard another news which has caused me so much grief and anxiety.. Hindus have generally resolved to do away with the Urdu language and Persian script which is a memento of the Muslim rule in this country.. This is a move that will make Hindu-Muslim unity impossible."

March 23, 1940, at the Lahore session of the Muslim League that formally adopted the Pakistan Resolution, Jinnah said: "Musalmans are a nation according to any definition of a nation, and they must have their homeland, their territory and their state."

The Muslim League membership jumped from half a million in 1937 to over a million in 1941. In the 1945-46 general elections, the Muslim League won all 30 of the Muslim seats in the central legislature. In the provinces it won 439 out of a total of 494 seats. Jinnah's claim to speak for the Muslims was more than vindicated.

In 1947, when Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah became the first Governor-General of the new born state of Pakistan he left behind in India, 40 million Muslims for whom he was sole spokesman.

"It is a constant theme... that the greatest missed opportunity in the recent history of the Indian subcontinent was the failure to secure a federal solution for India." E.N.S. Mansergh, Master of St. Johns College, Cambridge.

"We failed in finding a solution to the communal problem agreeable to all parties concerned, and certainly we must share the blame as we have to shoulder the consequences of this failure." Jawaharlal Nehru.

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Refering to developments in Afghanistan and Iran, he said that from one point of view there was a healthy change from monarchical and princely regimes to those based on popular support. However, present conditions in Afghanistan were very disturbing. There was unmistakable evidence of the involvement of outside powers there. What was more disturbing from India's point of view was the charge against some of our neighbouring countries of open involvement in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. "The entire situation is full of ominous portents, he said, adding that the tension between Pakistan and Afghanistan could lead to much wider repercussions.

On Pakistan acquiring a nuclear weapons capability, Jagjiwan Ram said it had caused much understandable concern. This needed to be assessed carefully for its impact on India's security environment in military as well as political terms. India, in its part, was pledged to use nuclear power for peaceful purposes only, he added.

The plight of Ghalib's house

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The house itself has passed into the hands of three or four families who have portioned it out to dealers in shoes, leather, coal and firewood.

For decades the house has remained neglected even while a controversy has raged whether it was the place where Ghalib died.

Ten years ago when the Ghalib bicentenary was being celebrated a two-member non-official committee established that Ghalib had lived in the house for about four years and had died there on February 15, 1869.

The former Lt-Governor of Delhi, the late A.N. Jha, had proposed that the Archaeological Survey of India should declare the house a national monument and save it from the ravages of time.

The proposal was vetoed on the ground that it would be impossible to maintain a national monument in a congested area like Gali Kasim Jaan.

On the pavement a few paces away from the building are sold books on Ghalib and his works. But the sellers are unaware that Ghalib had lived across the road.

Keep off Afghanistan

New Delhi (IBS) — India and the Soviet Union have voiced their opposition to any interference by outside forces in the internal affairs of Afghanistan". A joint statement released simultaneously in Delhi and Moscow, at the end of the Indian Prime Minister's official visit to the Soviet Union, did not mention Pakistan by name but it was clear that the message was primarily meant for Islamabad which was accused of encouraging incursions into Afghanistan, at the talks between Desai and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

The statement did not indicate what steps India and the Soviet Union would jointly take to help Afghanistan, but Brezhnev and Desai declared their desire to develop friendly relations with the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan where a leftist government came into power last year after a coup d'etat.

The two leaders also expressed themselves "firmly in favour of the aspirations of the people of Afghanistan and the preservation of their national independence and for their development".

The seven-page statement dealt with the situations in South-East Asia, the Indian Ocean and SALT.

Meanwhile, Soviet sources said that Defence Minister Marshal Ustinov will pay a "goodwill, friendly" visit to India in September-October. There is an ongoing cooperation between India and the Soviet Union in the defence field and Ustinov is expected to discuss concrete measures to further expand it during the 1980s.

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Each will receive an honorarium of Rs. 2,000 a month to work at any radio or television centre and produce programmes of their choice.

Others already working as producers (emeritus) are: Mrs. Tripti Mitra, Firaq Gorakhpuri, Melville de Mellow, Prof. Dalip Chandra Vedi and CC Mehta.

Newsman shot

Varanasi (IBS) — Mahesh Kumar Sharma, News Editor of a local daily "Ganjiva," was shot dead in his home Friday, June 15. According to the police, three armed men went to his house and fired several shots at him.

American Urdu scholar

New Delhi (IBS) — Currently in New Delhi is Mrs. Linda Wentink wife of a US computer programmer, who studies Urdu at the Arizona University in the United States.

She has already visited Pakistan and is in Delhi to pursue her studies and research in the Urdu language.

Mrs. Wentink started off with Hindi in 1969 and later learnt Sanskrit, Chinese and Persian.

She started learning Urdu in 1973, and in New Delhi this week she insisted on speaking to newsmen in Urdu rather than in English.

Mrs. Wentink considers Urdu "a beautiful language". Among her proud possessions are clippings of four articles she wrote in Urdu language for a leading newspaper in Pakistan.

She complains that Urdu books and periodicals are not easily available in the United States. Many more Americans would learn Urdu if only arrangements could be made to increase the availability of books and periodicals.

Ban on duty-free gifts

Madras, June 30 (UNI) — The Union Minister of State for Finance, Satish Agarwal, has announced a ban on duty-free import of gift articles by individuals.

Addressing a Press conference here, he said the concession to individual importers of gift articles such as foodstuff, clothes and medicine for free distribution among the poor was being withdrawn through a Notification under the Customs Act.

Only bona fide organizations would now be allowed the facility. The status of both donor and receiver would be subject to scrutiny.

The withdrawal of the concession, he said, followed detection of Rs 1-crore racket in imported clothing in Madras in 1978.

Mr. Agarwal said there had been large-scale misuse of the concession by some individuals in Madras who were importing costly foreign clothes skirts and shirting not used by the poor.

China and modernization

New Delhi, June 30 (UNI) — The Chinese now acknowledge that they got carried away by their enthusiasm for "the four modernizations", a new book on China says.

"Overambitious plans are being cut back," says the author, S. Nihal Singh, Editor of the "Statesman" newspaper, in his forthcoming book, "The Gang and 900 million."

Recalling the recent statement of Chairman Hua Guofeng describing the present plans as being tentative, Nihal Singh speaks of the "breathtaking" alacrity with which the Chinese acknowledge their technological and economic weaknesses.

"There lies the Achilles heel of the Chinese. Can one take one aspect of Western advance without subjecting China to new and unpredictable strains?"

Press freedom assured

New Delhi (IBS) — The new article 361-A inserted in the Indian Constitution through the 44th Amendment Act which took effect on June 19, is seen by experts as an important safeguards against the kind of Emergency clamped on the nation in 1975 by Mrs. Indira Gandhi's Congress party Government using its transient two-thirds majority in Parliament.

Pre-censorship being an important ingredient of the kind of internal Emergency the country suffered for 19 months at the hands of Mrs. Gandhi, the new article which cannot be suspended by the President, ensures in all its amplitude against subjecting to censorship proceedings of Parliament and State Legislatures. Thus the new Article is being regarded by experts as a respository of real press freedom and rate as superior to Article 19 (1a) in the fundamental chapter.

With this immunity, the press can now circumvent, with the help of alert members of Parliament and legislators any pre-censorship, according to experts. A member has only to raise in Parliament or State legislature, as the case may be, such matters as had been blacked out under orders of the censor and the press will be free to publish it and the censors, according to experts, cannot apply the scissors without committing contempt of the House and breach of privilege.

MORE POWER FOR PRESIDENT

Another beneficiery of the 44th Constitution Anendment Act is the President of India who now need not aprove of any and every advice tendered by a Prime Minister. The Act now makes it explict that the Presidenty "may require" the council of Ministers to reconsider any advice "either generally or, otherwise." The provision, however, makes it clear that the President "shall" act in accordance with the advice tendered "after such reconsideration."

According to experts, the power given to the President now to remit an advice back to the Cabinet for reconsideration should help the President to play an effective role in matters of Centre-state relationship considering the fact that the electoral college for choosing a president includes members of legislative assemblies of states ruled by different parties.

Awards announced

Bombay (IBS) — Two Americans are among six winners of international awards totalling 25,000 pounds for study and research in the diseases of blood with particular reference to leukaemia.

These annual awards, which mark the death anniversary of Lady Meherbai Dorabji Tata, have gone to Dr. EE Harlow and Dr. P.A. Napiorkowski of the United States, Dr. H. Bhavani and Dr. H. T. Jacob of the United Kingdom, Dr. K. Koubek of Czechoslovakia and Dr. S. Venuta of Italy.

The Lady Tata Memorial Trust, which gives the awards, was established in 1932 for promoting scientific research in India and abroad, mainly into the diseases of the blood. The trust has so far given support in 136 international research workers and granted 212 scholarships to Indians for research within the country.

Curfew in Silchar

Silchar (Assam), July 6 (UNI) — An indefinite curfew was clamped in Silchar and neighbouring areas after a mob went on rampage with the arrival of the body of Public Works Department Sub-Divisional Officer R.K. Choudhury, who was shot dead in Mizoram and Mizo National Front (MNF) activists.

The Border Security Force has been called out to control the situation.

Unconfirmed reports said at least two persons were killed and five others injured in the mob frenzy.

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THE BOAT PEOPLE

The Vietnamese refugee problem is claiming a lot of attention these days, as it should. Many countries in which these hopeless refugees seek help are mercilessly sending them back to the high seas — the poor man's gaschamber. At the same time many developed countries which could easily settle these refugees are dragging their feet in reaching decisions on how many to take and where to settle them. It is heartening to see that generally speaking there is a great amount of sympathy for them, though an occasional protesting voice of a confirmed bigot is heard.

People of Indian origin should join the groups that help to settle refugees for many reasons. First and foremost it will be a great humanitarian gesture. Secondly, many people in North India have gone through this experience of being refugees from Pakistan or Bangladesh and can help these refugees with real understanding. Thirdly, we as part of Canadian society should take pride in the fact that Canada is taking some refugees and by helping to settle them, we can encourage the Government to take even more. Also this is one way in which we can show that our commitment is not only to our own ethnic community but to the entire human race.

In the early years of this country a boat carrying some 300 or so Indians came with great hopes to Vancouver to settle there. The reference is to the incident known as the **Kamagata Maru** affair. That boat was not allowed to land in Vancouver. Many of the occupants of that boat suffered immensely in the high seas.

Let us, the original "Boat People" of Canada, help the new Boat People from Vietnam.

Concorde flights permitted

New Delhi (IBS) — British Airways Concorde is overflying, thrice a week, a specified route off the Kerala coast and the group of Andaman and Nicobar islands in the Bay of Bengal following a special permit till the end of the year.

The Director General of Civil Aviation and other departments concerned with the Concorde flights — which connect London, Bahrain and Singapore — over Indian territory are satisfied that the plane's sonic boom has had no impact on the inhabitants or buildings along the route.

The sound measuring instruments have recorded no adverse impact of either noise or vibrations from the plane while it undertook several test flights in November-December last year. The route given was 32 nautical miles off Trivandrum, Lakshadeep islands and Andaman and Nicobar group of islands. The instruments have since then been regularly monitoring the flights. Reliable sources said that the flights have so far proved totally safe from noise pollution.

The Concorde, however is unable to proceed to Australia because of the objections by Indonesia and without extension to Australia, Concorde flights may prove uneconomical. As of now the assigned route over India means a long detour.

Official sources here also said that there was no question of the airline asking or the Government agreeing to Concorde's supersonic flight over the country's land mass. Supersonic flights are not permitted even over Britain and France, the two countries which have jointly developed the Concorde.

Letters

Jesudas and church

I read the news article entitled "Jesudas at odds with church" (June 21) and I was dismayed, if not dejected, at the treatment meted out to the famous devotional singer.

True religion begins where ritualism ends. It seems to me that Jesudas has reached a stage of inner development where he has transcended the beginner's course of ritualism in religion. He does not need the strict ecclesiastical technicalities of any formal religion. With his devotional fervour he could be quite at home in a church, temple, mosque or synagogue, and at the same time he can address the Supreme Being in any term — verbal or otherwise. Even the old Rig Veda recognized this state of transritualism (and let's not forget that the Rig Veda was basically ritualistic) when it asserted, "Ekam sadviprah bahudah vadanti" — Him the only real sages call by many names. As a human being (I think he is a superior human being) Jesudas has every right to love, cherish, respect and follow any or every established religion; he can pick and choose their best precepts, internalize them and meet his creator with no remorse.

I quite agree with Jesudas when he says, "God, like music, cannot have any barriers of race, language or creed." Lord Christ is no one's monopoly. A Hindu or a Moslem has the same right of devotion to the Son of God as any Christian. And Jesudas has the same right to pray through his music in a temple as any Hindu.

Music is universal, and Jesudas is more than right when he says so. In fact, prayer through music is more universal and natural than verbal or formal prayer. That is why we get psalms in the Bible and the Sam Veda in the vedic system. Most of us know how appealing musical prayer can be, even in a mass situation. I still remember Maholy Jackson's eulogy at the last rites of Dr. Martin Luther King. There were hardly any eyes in the audience that were dry. Think of Ustad Allah-ud-din Khan (a moslem) doing Hindu Bhajans in praise of God, and, incidentally one of his sons-in-law is Ravishankar, the world famous sitarist. In the past Kavir (a moslem singer-poet) sang bhajans and some of us might have heard Gholam Ali Khan's devotional songs. True devotion knows no bounds of formal religion, and musical prodigies like Jesudas cannot be contained by rigid ritualism, or threats of excommunication.

The church should have been proud to have Jesudas in its fold — a person who can realise the limitlessness of God and universality of music. By closing its doors to Jesudas it is denying itself the proud privilege of having a real "servant of Jesus" as its own. We need more openness and tolerance to call Christianity a universal and spiritual religion.

Sampad Roy
Montreal

Guru in Jail

After many years of reading your paper, I find it for the first time necessary to react to one news item. It concerns **"Guru in Jail"** in your June 7, 1979 issue. I wonder, on which reporting staff you were relying to publish this biased information. Did anyone research the true background of Swami Omkarananda.

I am not related to the Divine Light Zentrum, but had the great pleasure not long ago of visiting his centre at Winterthur and was greatly impressed by the hospitality of all members of this organization. I took part in their activities and found nothing whatsoever that even faintly reminded one of black magic.

As a matter of fact, Swami's spiritual and literary achievements are outstanding (which was also recognized by the international American Institute which elected him a member). The academic scope of his thinking and writing is so vast that one may easily rank him among the great sons of India, yet every page of his radiates humility, devotion, compassion, and a deep understanding of human frailty, suffering and error. A country that would only be receptive to his message could be truly blessed, since all in him points to God.

Rarely has a man been so thoroughly misjudged by bureaucracy as is Swami Omkarananda. I sincerely hope, you will print this in order to give your readers a balanced view, and I am willing to further additional information for your benefit.

Mrs. Christa Suresh Kastia

More cases for special courts

New Delhi, June 26 (UNI) — The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has completed investigation in three more cases emanating from the Shah Commission findings on emergency excesses and is ready to file charge-sheets before the Special Courts, according to official sources.

The cases relate to the arrest of opposition leaders on the eve of the imposition of emergency, demolition of houses in two villages on the outskirts of Delhi and the arrest of a Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student Leader Prabir Purkayastha.

Figuring in these cases, among 40 accused, the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Sanjay Gandhi, former Delhi Development Authority (DDA) Vice-Chairman Jagmohan and former Deputy Inspector General of Police P.S. Bhinder.

The sources said the charge-sheets in these cases will be filed before the two special courts presided over by Mr. Justice M.S. Joshi and Justice M.L. Jain early next month.

The First Information Report (FIR) relating to the arrest of opposition leaders alleges that emergency excesses stemmed from a criminal conspiracy designed to keep Mrs. Gandhi in power regardless of the Allahabad High Court judgement.

According to the FIR, Mrs. Gandhi and her aides planned in advance, lists of opposition leaders to be detained under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) and detained them on the eve of the emergency. Simultaneously, Government machinery was misused to organise rallies in support of the former Prime Minister.

In the case relating to demolitions, the FIR alleges that Sanjay Gandhi ordered demolition of structures in two villagers, Kapashera and Samhalka, on his way to the Maruti factory as he found them "eye-sores".

About the arrest of the JNU student, the FIR alleges that Mrs. Menaka Gandhi, wife of Sanjay Gandhi, went to the JNU campus on September 24, 1975 when a strike was on. She was prevented from entering the campus and was asked to join the boycott.

Mrs. Menaka Gandhi complained to her husband who called P.S. Bhinder, then Deputy Inspector General of Delhi Police, and asked him to take drastic action. Mrs. Bhinder subsequently went to the JNU campus and arrested one of the student leaders, Prabir Purkayashta.

Power cut

Bombay, June 28 (UNI) — A massive power cut in the western Indian state of Maharashtra has affected over 37,000 industrial units, employing over 15-lakh workers.

Study of solar flares

Udaipur (IBS) — Scientists the world over will undertake a study on solar flares which influence the earth's atmosphere and magnetic field and may also damage manned and unmanned spacecraft during the solar maximum year (SMY).

According to Dr. W.H. Wagdhar of the High Altitude Observatory, Colorado, USA, a very ambitious space program called solar maximum mission would be launched in October 1979.

He told an Indo-US workshop on solar terrestrial physics here that under the program a space satellite will orbit at a distance of 575 km from the earth and would study solar radiation and extreme ultra-violet rays and Gamma rays coming from the sun during the maximum solar activity period.

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CPI wins seat

New Delhi, July 1 (UNI) — The Communist Party of India (CPI) retained the Nagapattnam seat while the Congress (I) bagged the Thanjavur seat in the parliamentary by-elections held in southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

In Nagapattnam, K. Murugaiyan defeated his nearest rival, M. Mahalingam of the All India Anna Dravida Munetra Khazgham (AIADMK) by 15,94 votes in a four-cornered contest, while S. Singaravadivelu defeated Ambil Dharmalingam of the Dravida Munetra Khazgham (DMK) by over 75,000 votes in Thanjavur.

The Thanjavur byelection had assumed importance in view of Mrs. Indira Gandhi's decision to contest the seat. Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) later decided against fielding the former Prime Minister due to what it called the "changed attitude" of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, who had reportedly agreed to support Mrs. Gandhi's candidature.

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A BLOW TO MRS. GANDHI

No single defection from Mrs. Gandhi's side, ever since she started the process of splitting the Congress, has been quite so injurious as that of Urs. It was basically his strength in Karnataka that provide her firm base in the south and enabled her to be re-elected to the Lok Sabha from Chikmagalur.

The support provided to her by the only remaining loyal Congress (I) Chief Minister, Chenna Reddy, is less reliable now because his own position is less stable.

Urs gave his defection a particularly sharp edge. The language he used in a letter to his leader could not have been excelled by her bitterest opponents. "We refuse to be treated as bonded labour," is an example.

The virulence of Urs's attack was like a small scale version of Khruschev's total condemnation of Stalin at the 20th Soviet Party Congress. Talking of Mrs. Gandhi's autocratic style, he says: "..... you have learnt nothing from your experience and the authoritarian bent of your mind still persists, which is an anomaly in a democratic society.

And later in the letter: "You scare away all good, capable and efficient men and women and then you hope to administer this vast nation with mediocres and sycophants."

SANJAY AGAIN

Observers are agreed that Mrs. Gandhi's party will go on subdividing. She can consolidate only if Sanjay Gandhi quits politics finally. But if anything comes through clearly from the recent activities of mother and son, her primary concern still seems to be to protect and project him.

NEW PARTY

The birth of the Karnataka Congress party under Urs, despite its strictly regional nomenclature, is bound to have its impact far beyond the frontiers of the State. Unlike the two Congress splits in 1969 and 1978, where Mrs. Gandhi walked away with the lion's share of party support she has been clearly shown to head but a small rump in the Karnataka Congress (I). Devaraj Urs has demonstrated that out of 155 MLAs belonging to the erstwhile Congress (I) at least 131 are now with him in the new party.

More significantly, the party of Urs for the first time, provides an opportunity for all congressmen opposed to the authoritarian ways of Mrs. Gandhi and her son to come together "to revitalise the Congress movement."

The split may have its repercussions in Andhra Pradesh where a strong and vocal dissident group has been known to be pro-Urs.

The coming of the Karnataka Congress may thus be the harbinger of the final political isolation of Mrs. Gandhi.

Ayurveda: A science of life

By J.P. Shah

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Many authors namely Sarahdhar, Vagnbatt, Chakradatt have written valuable literature and contributed to the different aspect of Ayurveda. Due to the foreign invasion, Ayurveda suffered a lot. Many books were burnt and destroyed, others were taken by the invaders.

Alexander took with him Charak and Susart which were translated into Greek. During the spread of Budhism, Ayurvedic surgery was banned for the proclamation of non-violance. Inspite of all these adversity and suffering, the system was kept alive for generation to generation by the Scholars and Pundits through hereditory practice. Presently in India, both the Ayurvedic system and the modern system are in operation. Many doctors use the medicine of both the systems. The author though advocates the pure Ayurvedic system because the modern medicine cost much, have adverse effect and are not easily available.

In contrast to the modern system the Ayurvedic system of medicine has proved to be cheap with no adverse effect and are easily available locally. Govt. of India has recognised the importance of Ayurveda and has given approval through act of parliament for its development. A central body of Ayurvedic medical council has been set up which regulate and implement the policies effectively. Five year degree courses equivalent to M.B.B.S. are given in various universities and institutions. High level post graduate and post doctorate research is also conducted at research centers. About 80% of the population is benefited by the system.

The W H O has accepted the scientific aspect of the system and has included it in its research program. Outside India, Nepal Shree Laka, Thailand and Mauritus have legislated the practice of the Ayurvedic system.

A World wide interest has grown to understand the science of Ayurveda. Delegates from West Germany, Japan, USA etc. go regularly to India to study and observe the hospitals and institutions of Ayurveda. Important books have already been translated into English, Japanese and German. One of the praiseworthy feature of Ayurveda has been that it never hesitated to assimilate good points and new ideas of the other system of medicine provided these were tested and found sound on its principals and it has always kept itself open to find the remedies for newly discovered diseases.

Ayurveda has provided medicine for diseases such as blood pressure, Arthritis, Diabetes, Lucoderma and venereal diseases. As has been said Ayurveda is a science of life. It tells the mankind the objectives of life. It is not only enough to have a long life and sound health, it is also important to know the difference in good and bad and what constitutes pleasure or misery. How individuals can be useful to the society? Ayurveda has the key to the knowledge of all these problems facing mankind.

A very good definition of a healthy man is given in Ayurveda as follows:

"It is the homogeneous equilibrium of functional activities of the body together with the happiness of the senses, mind and soul that constitutes the healthy man."

Lifestyle is being healthy and doing our best to stay that way. It's taking full advantage of the pleasures of life, but also learning to repress abuses. It's moderation.

Immigration officials protest

By Ron Santana

Canada's immigration officers staged a protest demonstration outside the immigration building in Toronto June 22 in response to the new immigration minister Ron Atkey's charge some officials of his department were racist.

The immigration officers have accused the department in turn of not enforcing the laws relating to immigration and letting too many foreigners into the country on visas and providing them with the opportunity to stay permanently. "Any jerk in the world can get a visa to go to school here," said John McIver who led the demonstration by about fifty of his colleagues who man the counry's gates. Instead of supporting their cause which is to prove racial discrimination does not exist in the Canadian Employment and Immigration department, McIver went on to say "the number of foreigners entering Canada is a disgrace."

"Every day we exist more to cover up and break the law rather than to enforce it. We take spontaneous applications from people who marry prostitutes just to stay in Canada. We are totally frustrated by political interference. What are we supposed to do — dye our skins black to prove we're not racists?" McIver said angrily.

As the immigration officers gathered to stage a protest, a couple of black women were on hand hurling obscenities and four-letter words at the immigration officers.

Many employees of the Department of Employment and Immigration were upset when their Minister charged his department was full of racists. Their union has asked the Minister to retract his charge or provide instances in which racism played a part. They say it is libellous to charge the entire department as being racist without citing even a single specific case.

Meanwhile, the new Employment and Immigration Minister, stirred up another controversy by saying the "Arab bark is worse than its bite" regarding angry Arab reaction to Canada's proposal to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The connotation to dogs infuriated the Arabs even more than the original embassy move leading Yasar Arafat to vow: We will teach the Canadian scoundrels a lessor.

The speed with which the new government of Joe Clark has been stirring up storms has led to the quip in Ottawa — What did Canada do for the International Year of the Child? It elected Joe Clark.

State opposes Centre

By Robert Trumbull

Trivandrum, India — The tropical state of Kerala along the Malabar Coast, where King Solomon's sailors are said to have come for "ivory, apes and peacocks," is locked in a bitter battle with the federal Government over a proposed national ban on killing cows, a sacred animal to orthodox Hindus.

Kerala boasts India's highest literacy rate and is the nation's most densely populated state. It is also economically underdeveloped and suffers from unemployment. It has large meat-eating Christian, Moslem and Jewish minorities and the state's growing beef industry takes precedence over what the Hindu chief minister called "religious sentiment."

ENACTMENT 'ABSURD'

Mention of the proposed bill to make killing cows a federal offence raises the ire of many high-casts Brahman Hindus like P.K. Vasudevan Nair, the chief minister, who openly condemns the national cow-protection program. Mr. Nair said in an interview that enactment of the proposed new ban on killing cows, before the Indian Parliament, would be "a very absurd thing to do."

The Hindu aversion to eating the flesh of the cow applies in Kerala only to "the very orthodox and the very old," according to P.M. Abrahan, the state agricultural production commissioner. He said that 70 per cent of the state's 23 million people, of whom more than half are Hindus, are meat-eaters for whom beef is a major item in their regular diet, being cheaper here than poultry.

"We will not ask our people to change their food habits in order to respect the religious sentiments of certain sections," Mr. Nair said in a statement against the proposed ban on cow-slaughter.

He said 21 per cent of Keralans are Christian, a religion thought to have been brought here by the apostle Thomas in 50 A.D., and 19 per cent are Moslems, many descended from early Arab traders who called here. There is a substantial community of Jews and a sizeable tribal population. All are meat-eaters, Mr. Nair said.

However, most of the hundreds of small slaughterhouses in the state are operated by municipal governments headed by Hindus, said P.C. John, a Christian and the managing director of the state-owned meat processing company, Agro Products Corp. The head of the company's meat-packing subsidiary, Meat Products of India, V. Krishnamurthy, is a Brahman and does not eat meat although he sells it, Mr. John said.

The meat company's head office, in a rundown, walled-in palace once owned by the former Maharajah of Travancore, is in a Brahman enclave surrounding the ancient Padmanabha Temple where the Maharajah worshipped daily before an 18-foot reclining statue of the Hindu god Vishnu.

The cow population of India is at least 200 million, according to the most conservative estimate. Millions of these venerated beasts are aged and decrepit animals that have been turned loose by their owners to wander at large, scavenging and destroying crops. Harming one has been known to provoke an interreligous riot when the offender was a Moslem.

STRAYS ROUNDED UP

Enterprising Indians in the large neighboring state of Tamil Nadu, where the cow is protected, buy unwanted animals and round up strays, then drive them across the border into Kerala on foot for sale to meat dealers.

A bill to prohibit the interstate movement of cattle has been introduced in the Tamil Nadu state legislature with the backing of powerful orthodox Hindu groups.

[New York Times]

The People's science movement in India

By Francis Assisi

There is an ever-increasing number of scientists and social workers who have begun to realize that science, as presently taught and practised in India, is far too elitist, snobbish, and removed from the real problems of the masses. They urge demystification. They demand a scientific humanism that is bound to change our perspective of India in the 1980's.

SEEDS OF AN AWAKENING

A significant feature of this new awareness is the emergence of a number of voluntary organizations ranging from those explicitly concerned about popularization of science to those which seek to promote among the masses a scientific approach to understanding society. They question the sort of scientific research that is avidly pursued by scientists at the premiere research institutes of India — research that they feel has little relevance to the needs of India's poor. Already, it has begun to attract highly trained scientists and technologists who have become disenchanted with the relevance of what they have learnt and what they are doing in Scientific Establishments. Ranging from small groups attacking a particular problem to mass movements like the Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad, the Peoples Science Movement is regarded by many observers as the seed of a real intellectual awakening in India.

It asserts that a culture of Peoples Science is emerging which can be tied to concepts of appropriate technology and Gandhian economics. It shows that knowledge created in institutions far removed from the people is returning to the people. It calls for a drastic reorientation which should, among other things, have a built-in vocational bias and build on the existing skills and knowledge.

GROUPS

Spearheading the Peoples Science Movement are groups from diverse regional centres: Science Education Group, Sastra Sahitya Parishad, Shramik Sanghatana Bhoomi Sena, Indian Institute of Education, Bhim Sakti Tarun Mandal, Grain Vikas Mandal, Science Circle, Association for the Promotion of Science Education, Health Education and Policy Group, CSIR, and Society of Young Scientists.

Much of the discussion within the Peoples Science Movement appears to be focussed on the following general themes: 1) formal and non-formal education 2) People's health movements 3) Scientific research and technology and 4) science for social revolution.

APPROACHES:

Their basic purpose is to cater to the masses who remain outside the formal educational system and hence their focus is on non-formal education. They feel that India's present educational goals are far too elitist and hence fail to impart skills relevant and useful for the livelihood of a vast majority of the people. In non-formal education, their appraoch is almost radical. Their aim is to create an awareness in each person of his social condition. There is no dichotomy between the teacher and the taught; the people who come to learn are not "ignorant peasants" and there is no given evaluation method. They consistently strive to expose the myths of 'modern society', myths which are perpetrated by the formal education system and the mass media. Flexibility of content and a non bureaucaratic approach is the ideal. The role of voluntary organizations in non-formal education would be a crucial one, as is the use of audio visual media, and innovation in pedagogy, curriculum, and teaching materials.

The present helath delivery system, according to the Peoples Science Movement, caters to the needs of the richer sections of the population. The system has built up a very high cost structure leading to the emergence of powerful and interconnected pressure groups of medical practitioners and the pharmaceutical industry. The majority of the people do not receive adequate health care from the existing system. They see health care as a means through which the majority of the poor should be helped to come out of the social and economic backwardness. The People's Science Movement underlines the need for a new and humanistic outlook among medical practitioners. The example set by Peoples Health Centres in Bangladesh is looked upon as a commendable example.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE?

The awareness that research in science and technology must be of relevance to the people's needs leads to the question who are the people? Since the irrelevance is mainly in relation to the poor people, the groups identified in answer to the question are the following: agricultural labourers, poor and small peasants, rural artisans, craftsmen and the urban workers.

NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE

A reorientation in the direction of research in scientific establishments towards the needs of the people is hardly possible unless a radical social change takes place. In the meantime, scientists who are aware of the misdirected and irrelevant research, have an important role to play in breaking the total 'isolation of the establishment' from the people. It will be necessary, for this purpose, to persuade scentists to reject the elitist idea that they can solve people's problems from outside and instead be prepared to learn from the people and from their perception of the problems. And for this a vigorous interaction between scientists and the people is imperative. Science will have to come down from its ivory tower and technologies must be generated that are suited to the needs of the people and within their means.

Such a people-ward intellectual movement can have an indeterminate combination of the following trends: humanitarian, nationalist, and radical. None of these initiatives can have any social significance as long as they are limited to isolated efforts of local dimensions. If they do develop into wider movements, however, they introduce new social culture and mode of social communication. The result can be social significant and may even go beyond the intention of the initiators by generating new social dialectics which may take courses charted by its own momentum.

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Sudha dances in Fredericton

Assisted by a Government grant, the Indo-Canadians of Fredericton New Brunswick (Canada) have just completed a remarkable program for educating the interested people in this area in the classical and folk dances of India. The program was ably conceived and conducted by the well-known dance expert Sudha Chandra Sekhar (nee Sudha Doraiswamy of Bombay fame).

The program lasted for over six weeks, and about 35 students composed of children and adults participated in the course and benefited from the expert knowledge and intensive training given by this prima donna of Bharata Naatyam. At the end of the training Sudha along with her daughters Sri Vidya and Anjali, and all the students presented an enchanting evening of spectacular dances of India, in Fredericton.

Commencing with a beautifully choreographed Pushpaanjali dance performed by the 4-6 year olds, the program presented a kaleidoscopic view of the best of India's visual art. Lisa, Caroline, Veena Verma, Anaya Gurjar, Michelle, Tejpal Patel, Tanuja Saha and Shefali Patel gave a marvellous account of themselves in their flowery costumes in the Pushpaanjali Dance.

Sudha & Sri Vidya
Southern India ably performed by Sarita Gurjar, Radha Nair, Manju and Seema Saha.

The curtain then opened to introduce the star of the evening, Sudha herself, with her 14-year old daughter Sri Vidya, and 4-year old daughter Anjali. They won over the audience with a brilliant swift interpretation of the traditional Kavuthuvams. Anjali performed the Ganapathy Kavuthuvam with amazing grace; Sri Vidya performed a bright and vivacious Kaarthikeya Kavuthuvam; and Sudha was Lord Siva Himself personified as she performed the nataraja Kavuthuvam.

The next item was the traditional Alarippu which was beautifully performed by nine grown-ups viz. Sarita Gurjar, Manju, Daxa Hathi, Mythili Wilson, Radha Nair, and Sangeeta Virmani, Seema Saha and Neela Chinchalkar. This was a very commendable effort with an impressive choreography.

Following this, Jathiswaram was presented by nine 8-12 year olds among them Roopa Viraraghavan, Juhu Kamra, Neena Abraham, Mamta Patel, Amanda Tookey, Babli, Usha Sastry, Lori and Jamisha Patel. Embellished with intricate foot-work and hand-gestures, apt expressions and synchronising with the rhythm, this was an excellent piece.

The Krishna Leela dance ably performed as Sabdam was a richly applauded item. Sri Vidya as the Gopi who complains against Krishna, has grown to be a charming and sweet young dancer, with a tremendous capacity to bring forth striking facial expressions and emotions. Anjali Sekhar as naughty Krishna was easily the darling of the evening!

Dasaavataara Varnam was a masterpiece presented with great skill and dexterity by Sudha. It was a rich and elaborate item beginning with pure dance sequences and followed by abhinaya (interpretation) of Jayadeva's famous song supreme. Each incarnation from Matsya-Avtaar to Kalki-Avtaar was brought out in vivid flashes with polish and superb artistry of a gifted and dedicated artiste. The Nara-Simha Avtaar in particular was very feelingly enacted.

Sri Vidya again revealed some very beautiful sculpturesque poses of Lord Shiva with remarkable ability in the rare item "Bholanath Umapathi" in sanskrit. Sudha's Thillana was an ecstacy in rhythm.

After the interval the audience were treated to Kurathi dance of

SIVA LEELA VILASINI

Then followed the highlight of the evening "Siva Leela Vilasini" with enchanting music by Veena maestro Chitti Babu, and splendid choreography by Sudha. Depicting the humbling of Ganga Devi's pride by Lord Shiva, this dance was a remarkable synthesis of bhaava, raaga and thaala happily blended. Sudha was outstanding as the river-goddess Ganga Devi, proudly and joyously flowing down towards earth with complete abandon. Her movements were graceful and springtly. Madhu Verma as Lord Shiva, Kiran Dogra as Paarvathi, and the rest of the cast acquitted themselves very creditably. The Fishermen's dance was a delightful interlude preceding the marriage of Lord Shiva and Ganga Devi, and the ultimate Taandava Dance of Lord Shiva.

The program concluded with a Santhaali folk dance presented with gusto by Radha Nair, Madhu Verma, Bawa, Daxa Hathi, Kiran Dogra, Manju, Seema, Neela and Savita.

The live orchestra led by Sudha's brother Chini Doraiswamy was of exceptionally high artistic calibre — he has a very mellifluous voice, and his nattuvangam is blissful. His rendering of the "jathies" was extraordinary and greatly added to the excellence of the overall program. Suresh, another brother of Sudha, on the mridangam was lively and stimulating — the dynamic dexterity of this percussionist is incredible. The harmonium accompaniment by Jaya Doraiswamy (Sudha's mother) was inspiring. The subtle blending of bhaava, raaga and thaala by the orchestra and the soulful dances of the evening created new heights of ecstacy in this fine art.

It was a memorable evening for the people in and around Fredericton who appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed this grand spectacle of dances, and the Association of Indo-Canadians as well as the Government agencies who helped this program materialise deserve all kudos for being instrumental in bringing Sudha and her talent to New Brunswick.

Principal fights demotion

Framboise — The principal of the two-room junior high school here in Richmond County's school district two is fighting what he calls a demotion by the municpal school board to the position of teacher at the Walter Fougere Memorial School at Evanston for the fall term, a move which he says will cost him $600 in salary and ruin his career as an administrator.

Jagjit Singh Pabla, through Kuna, has filed a grievance against the school board and has made a formal complaint to provincial human rights commission.

Since that time, the commission, representatives of Nova Scotia Teachers Union and the Richmond County union local have held meetings on the matter with very little result.

Pabla has been at the Framboise school for almost 10 years and considers himself a victim of a personal vendetta by a few people in the area where his school is located.

A native of Punjab, India, who came to Canada from England in 1968, Pabla says he has been a marked man since about five year ago when he stood the daughter of a trustee in the corner for doing something she couldn't have done.

The school board chairman has refused comment on the controversy and the superintendent was unavailable.

Pabla says he would like to know on what basis school superintendent David Samson made his decision to demote him. Pabla said he has been with the Richmond school board longer than the superintendent or any of the present board members.

Pabla claims that neither superintendent Samson, Inspector George Lent nor any of their support staff conducted any sessions on supervision as defined under the Education Act at his school over the past number of years. Pabla holds a class seven teaching licence and is working toward his masters degree in school administration.

Pabla believes his problem started when he told his school janitor, Jessie Tenet, he wasn't happy with the condition of the washrooms.

Another question Pabla says he would like to have answered is why four supprot teachers were removed from his school and 46 students from grades one to nine were forced to depend on the teaching principal and his only other teacher without any circuit teachers to help.

Pabla claims he has never been given a straight answer from the supetintendent about why he was not transferred during the years of 1974, 1975, and 1976 when he had asked fortransfer. He says he doesn't mind being transferred but doesn't like being transferred because of pressure tactics.

Pabla has in his possession a letter written to him in early January from the secretary of the Framboise school trustees congratulating him on a fine job in providing some of the residents with first hand knowledge of the metric system at no cost. However, Pabla said the secretary's name was among those on the petition to have him removed by September as principal of the Framboise school.

Pabla alleges that documents have been handed over to the superintendent by one of the trustees that had been in his personal file at the school. He says he wonders how the papers could have come into the possession of the local trustee and he has advised the superintendent that the RCMP be contacted. Nothing has been done about it, Pabla said.

It was at the March 29 meeting of the school board that Pabla's situation in Framboise was first tabled. Further discussion took place at the April 11 special meeting when a motion was made to have Pabla transferred to another school at the discretion of the board administration, the minutes of the meeting show.

The April report presented by Leblanc stated that individual meetings with principals to discuss staffing, present programs and future plans were held in the county. But, according to Pabla, Leblanc didn't come to Frambois school.

When the school board held its meeting to discuss the petition from some of the residents or trustees, five men and two women were allowed to stay in the committee of the whole meeting after the press and the representatives of the county teachers local and the teachers union head office were asked to leave.

Pabla now has his own petition making the rounds and collecting names and he says some of the names on the petition to have him removed from the school as principal also appear on his petition to keep him in Framboise.

The Framboise principal said it is apparent no one in the union wants to get to the bottom of the problem for fear of rocking the boat.

[The Scotia Sun]

United Church minister from India

Sharbot Lake, Ont. — Since his arrival in Canada in 1974, the Rev. John Mathew, a native of India, has repeatedly encountered the misconception that Christians in his homeland are either missionaries or missionary converts.

The 34-year old graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., is an ordained United Church minister. His introduction to Christianity came by way of the Mar Thoma Church, established in India in the first century A.D. by St. Thomas the apostle.

As a United Church minister, Mr. Mathew no longer wears the clothing of a typical eastern shepherd as do his counterparts in the Mar Thomas Church. Nor does he burn the incense which enhanced the services of his childhood during Sunday worship services.

But more fundamental differences exist. "The Mar Thoma Church is more Episcopalian than the United Church," says Mr. Mathew. "Its members place greater importance on the sacraments and there is an evangelical emphasis in their worship. Also, the liturgy is clearly eastern. All of these differences combine to create an atmosphere which uniquely reflects the tradition of this eastern Christian community."

Although the number of Christians in India has remained small — a mere three percent of the population — close to 70 percent of the 500 families in the village of Vadaserikara, where Mr. Mathew was brought up, are followers of Christ. Nearly half of the people in the surrounding province of Kerala adhere to the Gospel, too.

There may not be many Christians in his homeland, but Mr. Mathew maintains there is no shortage of religious people.

Indian people identify strongly with their particular religious tradition, he says. "In Canada, you either go to church or you don't; but India is the birthplace of four religions — Hinduism, Budhism, Jainism, Sikhism. On top of this, there are the Christian and the Muslim movements. Here, when we meet people we wonder about their geographical roots; there, we wonder about their religious roots."

Mr. Mathew is minister in the three-point Centenary charge of Sharbot Lake, Maberly, and Patham. He may someday return to his homeland, but for now, he and his family offer residents of these eastern Ontario communities an opportunity to learn about a different culture and Christian life.

Stephen J. Crozier
The Observer

Pilgrims boost Tirupathi income

Hyderabad (IBS) — The income of Tirumalai Tirupathi Devasthanam during 1978 was Rs. 14 million, Minister for Endowments P.C. Chowdary informed the Andhra Pradesh Assembly.

About 30,000 pilgrims visited the temple every day to have a darshan of Lord Venkateswara for which each devote had to wait for six or seven hours in the queue.

The Minister said that the temple authorities had introduced a ticket system for those who could afford to have "special darshan." Every day 745 tickets were sold during 1978 and brought the temple an income of Rs. 600,000.

Information for potential immigrants

(Canadian Scene) — Canada has the economy, the consumers, the workers and the natural resources that contribute to a stable, open and healthy business environment. For these reasons, many people have been immigrating to Canada in recent years to set up business, ranging from small enterprises to large manufacturing plants. These new businesses, and the people who run them, have made a significant contribution to Canada's economic growth. To continue this trend, Canada is actively seeking more immigrant entrepreneurs.

Whether abroad or visiting Canada, the first step for entrepreneurs planning to immigrate to Canada is to talk to a counsellor at the nearest Canadian immigration office. The immigration counsellor will advise applicants on the procedure and outline the information they will be asked to provide.

The following guidelines will assist prospective immigrants in developing plans to open a business in Canada. The first step is to prepare an outline of the business proposal providing the following information: a summary of the business or the business operator's working experience; details of how the proposed enterprise is to be financed; a detailed explanation of what the business will do or produce; an explanation of how the business will be structured; the number of workers to be employed and the kinds of jobs to be performed by employees.

The immigration counsellor can help applicants prepare this proposal by providing basic information on how to start a business in Canada. The counsellor will also request that a formal application for immigration to Canada be filled out.

In preparing the business proposal the applicant may wish to discuss with the immigration counsellor whether a visit to Canada would be advantageous. If so, the counsellor will arrange appointments with appropriate officials in Canada who can advise on a suitable location for the proposed business, and will provide advice on other aspects such as financial and manpower considerations.

Interested enterpreneurs who are in Canada as visitors may prepare their business proposals following consultations with an immigration officer at the nearest Canada Immigration Centre, but they must return abroad to apply for, or complete, their applications for immigration.

Next, they should provide the immigration counsellor with their formal proposals which will be evaluated by interested government departments in Canada. While these evaluations are being made, immigration interviews and medical and background checks will be carried out. If there are no legal or health barriers preventing an applicant from being admitted to Canada, an immigration visa will be issued as soon as the business proposal has been approved.

For further information on applying to immigrate as an entrepreneur, contact any Canadian government office outside the country, or if visiting Canada, contact the nearest Canada Immigration Centre.

Birthday on the run

On Sunday July 1st., Canada Day, sixty runners from Halifax, Quebec City, Montral, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria run a non-stop relay of 112 kilometers (approx. 70 miles) in their respective cities in honour of Canada's 112th Birthday.

The "Happy Birthday Canada Run", sponsored by the Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centres, began at 8 a.m. in each city and took approximately ten hours of non-stop running to complete. In each city the course was mapped out so that the runners passed through all the main boroughs and some surrounding towns making up the 112 kilometer course. In Toronto the runners started at Toronto City Hall and ran through the City of Toronto, borough of York, Etobicoke, Mississauga, Claireville, North York, Scarborough, Agincourt, East York and back to Toronto City Hall. The runners also carried each of the borough flags as they passed through the borough while prominently displaying the provincial and national flags on the accompanying vehicles. The run was further highlighted by short ceremonies to exchange commemoratives with civic organizers and municipal officials along the way.

Panic in steel city

Jamshedpur, June 29 (UNI) — A dusk-to-dawn curfew was reimposed in the steel city following rumours and panic that gripped the people.

No untoward incident was reported till evening from any part of the city, according to the deputy commissioner.

Panic prevailed in the market area in the heart of the town, and shopkeepers downed their shutters, following the recovery of a body from the area.

Intensive patrolling by the Border Security Force and Bihar Military Police, headed by police officers and magistrates was immediately introduced.

The city had witnessed a communal holocaust in the recent past.

Fillip to exports

Calcutta (IBS) — The Reserve Bank has introduced a number of facilities to give a fillip to India's export efforts. It has instructed all commercial banks to allow ready remittances up to $50 for obtaining market intelligence reports from abroad. The limit of remittance on this account may be raised further.

Rules and procedures for sending trade samples have also been simplified: under the revised regulations trade samples within the value of commission payable to overseas buyers can be sent readily.

The Reserve Bank has also introduced a cover for exchange rate fluctuations in the US dollar. Till now, exchange rate fluctuations were not covered and the individual exporter had to bear the brunt of this fluctuation. For the smaller exporters, especially, violent fluctuations in the exchange rates — when adverse — had a killing effect. In addition, it was also difficult to make firm contracts when the rates were unsteady.

The Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) is also understood to be working out an insurance cover scheme for foreign exchange fluctuations.

Ayurvedic expert for WHO

New Delhi (IBS) — Dr. P.N.V. Kurup, Adviser to the Government of India for indigenous systems of medicine, has been appointed a member of the World Health Organisation's Expert Advisory Panel on Traditional Medicine for five years. This is the first time that an Ayurveda specialist has been chosen for the world body's experts panel. Belonging to a family of eminent Ayurvadic physicians of Quilon (Kerala), Kurup did his post-graduation in Ayurveda from Jamnagar. A specialist in Panchakarma treatment, he had done intensive research on the physio-pathological aspects of elimination and oilation therapy which are among fundamental ways of treatment in Ayurveda.

There's more to buying or selling a car than you think.

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If it hasn't, all parking tickets automatically go to you. If you ignore them you could be subject to arrest for failure to pay fines. You could also find yourself involved in a civil suit if the vehicle is in an accident after the sale.

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A free pamphlet, "Buying or Selling a Car Privately", is available at all MTC licence-issuing offices, or by writing Public and Safety Information Branch, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, 1201 Wilson Ave., Downsview, Ontario M3M 1J8.

James Snow,
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Indian sculp in Ottawa

By Ron Santana

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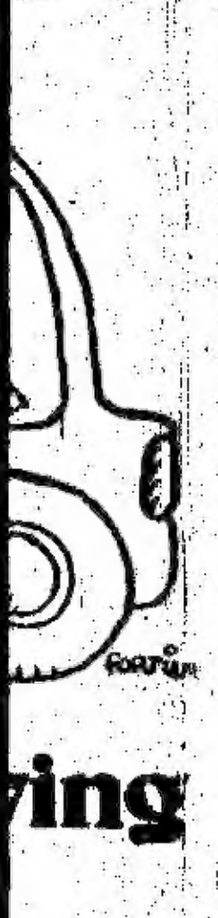
Ayurvedic expert for WHO

New Delhi (IBS) — Dr. P.NV. Kurup, Adviser to the Government of India for indigenous systems of medicine, has been appointed a member of the World Health Organisation's Experi Advisory Panel on Traditional Medicine for five years. This is the first time that an Ayurveda specialist has been chosen for the world body's experts panel. Belonging to a family of eminent Ayurvedic physicians of Quilon (Kerala), Kurup did his post-graduation in Ayurveda from Jamnagar. A specialist in Panchakarma treatment, he had done intensive research on the physio-pathological aspects of elimination and pilation therapy which are among fundamental ways of treatment in Ayurveda.



Minister tours Caravan

Ottawa — The Hon. Steve Paproski, Minister of State for Fitness, Amateur Sport and Multiculturalism, toured June 24 the 11th annual Toronto International Caravan put on by the city's ethnic cultural communities where he enjoyed visual and gastronomic delights.

Mr. Paproski visited six of the 30 pavilions after first stopping at Caravan Centre, the international jumping off spot for Caravan 79. There he saw the Tallinn exhibition of Estonian art contributions by Canada, and the Bratislava display of Slovak audio-visual arts where he chatted with organizers.

The Minister, who was born in Lvov before it became a part of Ukraine, visited Lviv, the Ukrainian pavilion where he saw traditional Cossack dances performed by the Chornomorsky Kozaky Dance Group and sampled some of the food.

He saw Vilnius, the Lithuanian pavilion renowned for its food. There he examined a display of woodcarvings. The last pavilion Mr. Paproski visited was New Delhi where he saw a marble replica of the Taj Mahal and watched dancers perform traditional Indian dances.

Steve Paproski

Mr. Paproski said he wished his schedule would have allowed him to tour more of the pavilions but he had to get ready for a week long trip which would take him to Rome and an audience with the Pope.

Indian sculpture big hit in Ottawa

By Ron Santana

The fourth floor of the National Art Gallery of Canada in Ottawa is attracting a large number of admirers these days. Since the arrival of a collection of sculptures reflecting the Golden Age of India in all its artistic splendour, art lovers in the city are being treated to a special display of one of the finest collections of South Asian art in the world.

The Gallery is only showing a preview with the display of 33 Indian stone and 3 Nepalese wood sculptures under the title "Brahma and Buddha" including Parvati-Shiva, Kubera, and other religious and mythological symbols as visualized by talented Indians living in the Gupta period and before.

The tolerance shown by Hindus towards Buddhism, Jainism, and other offshoots of Hinduism is demonstrated in their art of the times, with Hindu gods and goddesses and Buddhist sculpture existing alongside and revered by all.

The Ottawa art gallery is planning to exhibit miniatures and bronzes at the time of its 100th birthday party next year. It is expected to prove as popular as the collection of Indian sculpture that was on display earlier this year.

A Toronto steel magnate, Max Tanenbaum, has gifted approximately 400 sculptures to the National Art Gallery enabling it to house a fine collection of South Asian art.

"Hinduism with its thousands of gods, perplexing myths and complicated iconography, may appear baffling indeed to the uninitiated, but in order to enjoy the sensous beauty of Indian sculpture, there is no real need to study its underlying abstract philosophy. Indian sculpture appeals directly and immediately to the senses. It is an ode to the joy of life and to timeless beauty," says Dr. Elizabeth Merklinger, a specialist in Indian art, who is working presently on a book on Indo-Islamic architecture in the Deccan.

Brahma and Buddha, offers a glimpse into the Gupta Empire, fourth and fifth century A.D. It will remain on display until September in Ottawa.

Safty measures at Delhi airport

New Delhi, June 29 (UNI) — Passenger services and aircraft safety measures are being improved at the Palam airport at a cost of about Rs. 40 million.

Stating this, Airport General Manager W.J. Fernandes told UNI that these include commissioning bigger conveyor belts, extending the international customs arrival hall to accommodate more passengers, increasing the number of parking bays and strengthening the secondary runway.

Air Commondore Fernanders said a major improvement was being taken up in the field of runway lighting system — for the first time the category two lighting system in accordance with contemporary international specifications is being installed. This, he said, would enable aircraft to land safely in adverse weather.

Helping witch

Pune (Maharashtra), July 9 (UNI) — Can witchcraft help defeat a rival in an election?

Mr. Thaksen Padale, former chairman of the standing committee of the Pune Municipal Corporation and a Corporator for 22 years, believes he lost this time because of witchcraft.

FREE FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS

In order to help the recent immigrants to settle down with minimum discomfort, The Canadian India Times has decided to send the paper free for three months to all landed immigrants who have stayed in Canada or USA FOR ONLY LESS THAN TWO MONTHS. We expect to publish several articles under news items that will be of special interest to new immigrants.

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Arangetram in Detroit

Sudha Chandra Sekhar's Hindu Temple Rhythms presented over the week-end 10-year old Sumi Philip in her Bharata Natyam Arangetram following her four years training with Sudha. The presentation was done in the traditional style with Naadaswaram music and special prayers to Lord Nataraja and the stage.

Sumi showed an intelligent grasp of the technique and interpretative aspects of the art. She began with the Kavuthuvahts dedicated to Lord Ganesha, Lord Karthikeya and Lord Nataraja. Composed of vigorous dance steps followed by invocations rendered by means of hand-gestures, it was rendered with a great deal of understanding. The Alarippu and Vasantha Jatiswaram showed her creditable grasp over rhythm and posture.

In the Sarasi-aksharulu Sabdam Sumi complained of the childish pranks of Krishna with eloquent expression. Sudha's 4-year old daughter Anjali played Lord Krishna with great imagination: petite and mischievous, she teased the Gopi by stealing her clothes while she was bathing in the river, breaking the urns of curd, vanishing with butter, and finally settled down sweetly as Lord Padmanabha.

Sumi ably performed the majestic Sankaraabaranam Varnam "Samikesari Yevvare". A lovely song "Chethi Mandaram" in Malayalam, described Lord Guruvayoorappan, and was feelingly rendered. The Thillana in Kaanada raaga and Roopaka Thaala was enjoyed and marked with intricate foot-work.

Orchestra support led by Sudha and Sri Vidya in Nattuvangam and vocal music, harmonium by Jaya Doraiswamy skilfully played, Mridangam by Chandra Sekhar and sruthi by Susan Abraham, added to the colourful presentation.

Sudha Sekhar who now resides in Oak Park, Michigan conducts classes for aspirants in Bharata Naatyam and folk dances in four locations. Another branch is conducted by her mother in Sarnia in Ontario.

Political turmoil again

New Delhi — Once again Indian politics are hotting up and this time the Janata Party is merely an amused watcher, sitting on the sidelines for its opportunity.

The present trouble has arisen due to a personality clash between the autocratic Congress (I) President, Mrs. Indira Gandhi and the equally headstrong Karnataka State Chief Minister, Devaraj Urs.

Mrs. Gandhi wanted Urs to give up the post of Karnataka State Congress President on the ground that a Chief Minister should not simultaneously be party president.

Urs was willing to step down from the party post, but insisted that his successor should be elected. Mrs. Gandhi said "no". She wanted to nominate his successor.

To the surprise of no one, Devraj Urs demolished with singular ease Mrs. Gandhi's challenge to his leaderships of the Karnataka unit of the Congress (I). The ad hoc state committee named by the party's high command at the insistence of Mrs. Gandhi is already in shambles.

Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh were the only two States where her party was in power. Of the two Karnataka always appeared the more stable and its loss has shrunk the Congress-I power base to a point where the party will be hard put to continue to exist as a viable political organisation.

The process of disintegration has set in elsewhere also. The Andhra Pradesh citadel is by no means safe in spite of Chief Minister Dr. Chenna Reddy's expressed confidence. Seven of his ministers resigned not so long ago.

REVOLT AGAINST SANJAY

In West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, the party is ready to split down the middle.

The main schism between pro-Sanjay and anti-Sanjay groups in the party is increasing becoming synonymous with struggle to retain her authoritarian control of the party so that it can serve as an instrument of political support in her court battles and those of her son.

Urs has referred to the Karnataka development as the beginning of a new search for realignment of political forces. This may be premature talk. But he has emerged as a formidable political personality.

If Devaraj Urs and his supporters leave the party — voluntarily or otherwise — they will constitute more than a small breakway group. They are the dominant section of the Congress (I) in Karnataka.

The issues, or rather the central issue on which the party is divided in Karnataka cannot but become increasingly important in other States.

Disaffection over the role of Sanjay Gandhi and his supporters exist in almost all Congress — I units; the Karnataka developments are bound to make it more acute and vocal.

A formal break in Karnataka is likely to precipitate revolts in other States, and Mrs. Gandhi may have to take action on a wider scale.

If more and more dissidents leave, or are thrown out of the party, there will be a split down the middle; indeed it is not inconceivable that those loyal to Mrs. Gandhi will then be reduced to a minority.

What then, will remain of the Congress I?

In some States, the party is already in a shambles.

Video used in counselling

Prospective immigrants are provided with a considerable amount of print information about living and working conditions in Canada. However, many prospective immigrants give their attention only to those facts which they consider to be vital to their acceptance as immigrants. Print information related to their settlement in Canada tends to be ignored or forgotten, often to their serious disadvantage following their arrival in this country.

While every effort is made to present print information in an accurate and interesting way, it does tend to lack emotional impact. Messages designed for interpretation by the 'head' often fail to reach the 'heart'.

An additional problem is the fact that there is a need to bridge the communication and cultural barrier which often exists between immigration counselling officers overseas and prospective immigrants.

With this problem in mind the Public Affairs Division of the CEIC proposed an audio-visual communications vehicle to reach both the "head" and "heart."

It was felt that the most effective means of bridging the communications barrier was to show prospective immigrants abroad a video-cassette recording of one of their fellow countrymen (male or female), a fairly recent but well established immigrant in Canada, speaking to them in their mother tongue. Such a person would be likely to be regarded as trustworthy and the message, having an emotional rather than an intellectual appeal, would make a more lasting impression than the counselling methods in use at present.

The purpose of this Videotape Recording (VTR) is to make applicants much more receptive than they usually are now about the new and sometimes hostile environment they will encounter in Canada, and to minimize the impact of the culture shock which all newcomers experience on first arrival.

Departmental officials identified East Indians, and in particular, Punjabis, as an appropriate target group for a pilot project to test this proposition. East Indians constitute one of the immigrant groups most vulnerable to racial discrimination and most likely to have difficulty in becoming integrated into the Canadian community.

This VTR counselling tool was developed at a cost of $28,000 by the Public Affiars Division with the assistance of an outside consultant, Dr. A. Cote, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education at the University of Ottawa.

It is now in wide use in India by immigration counselling officers and initial reports indicate the video cassette counselling technique is widely accepted by Sikh immigrants hoping to come to Canada.

Pakistan's Islamic bomb

New Delhi (IBS) — Once Pakistan succeeds in exploding a nuclear device, in about three years, "it will be but a short step to the acquisition of a minimum first strike capability based on the Mirage fighter-bomber as the delivery system," according to a book released here.

Written jointly by Major-Gen D.K. Palit (retired) and P. K.S. Namboodiri of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, the book "Pakistan's Islamic Bomb" says that the absence of a middle delivery system "will thus be no handicap for Pakistan in exercising an Islamic nuclear threat in the India-Pakistan strategic environment."

Tracing the origin of the "Islamic Bomb" to the vision of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the authors say the late Pakistan Prime Minister thought that wrath of the world would not be directed against his country alone if the bomb manufactured in Pakistan was christened "Islamic Bomb."

The first public hint about Pakistan's preparations to explode a nuclear device came unwittingly from Pakistan Chief Martial New Administrator General Zia-ul-Haq when he sought to refute Bhutto's charge, made from his death cell, that the General was neglecting the nuclear programme. An obviously officially inspired article in the "Pakistan Economist" on Oct. 23, 1978 argued that the easier way to nuclear capability was uranium enrichment and not plutonium reprocessing.

This article first alerted intelligence agencies of the world that Islamabad was pursuing simultaneously the uranium enrichment path and the plutonium reprocessing programme. The article also revealed that Pakistan had reached a stage of procurement of equipment and materials at which the rest of the world could do very little to stop the project.

CIA active

Lucknow, June 22 (UNI) — Central Intelligence Agency activities on the Indo-Nepal border figured in the Uttar Pradesh legislative council this week as adjournment motion and members apprehended threat to security of the country.

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Five killed in Aligarh

Aligarh, June 30 (UNI) — Five people were killed and five seriously injured as fresh violence broke out in the old city area of Aligarh during the two-hour relaxation of curfew June 21 morning. Curfew was reimposed immediately on receipt of reports of violence.

One man was shot dead and three died of stab wounds in the old city during the two hours curfew was relaxed in the morning. Four persons received serious stab wounds.

The death roll in incidents of violence since June 17 digha now stands at seven.

Lockout in Times of India

Ahmedabad (Gujarat), July 9 (UNI) — The management of the Times of India, Ahmedabad, has declared a lock-out in the establishment.

The management said in the lock-out notice that a situation had arisen where law and order had deteriorated and there was great risk and danger to the safety and maintenance of property.

The employees of the Times of India, which is published from New Delhi, Bombay and Ahmedabad, have been on strike since June 13 on a wage dispute.

The management declared a ock out in the Delhi edition also.

Hangman starving

Lucknow, June 28 (UNI) — The family of the only hangman in Uttar Pradesh is starving as there is almost no work for him.

Uttar Pradesh Jails Minister Beni prasad Verma told newsmen here that the hangman had requested the Government to apoint him a warden in any jail of the state.

He said according to records available with the Government, there were two to three hangings every year in various jails of the state. The hangman's income, therefore, was very negligible.

He said the Government was considering his request sympathetically.

Indian cosmonauts

New Delhi (IBS) - It would take 12 to 18 months to train an Indian to be a cosmonaut provided he had a background of flying experience and engineering services, according to R.Z. Sagdeyev, Director of the All-Union Institute for Outer Research in the Soviet Union.

Sagdeyev, who came to India to participate in the 22nd session of the International Committee on Outer Space Research recently held in Bangalore, however, added that the question of sending an Indian cosmonaut in a Soviet space vehicle was only at the stage of a proposal at present.

The Soviet Union had made similar proposals to some of the East European neighbours as well as France and Sweden as part of its international cooperation programme in spaces.

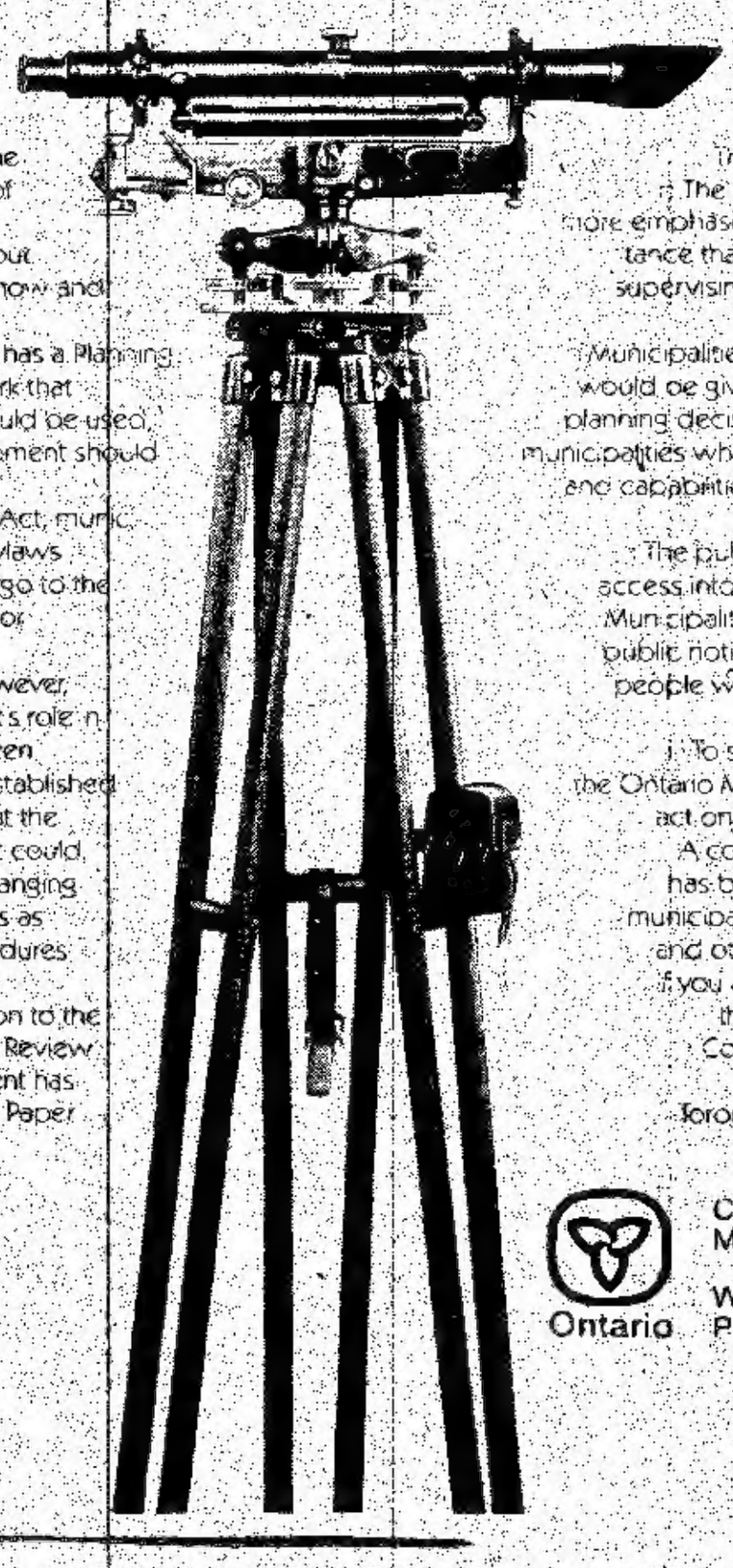
Lata hypnotizes audience

London (IBS) - A captured audience in the Royal Albert Hall recently gave a standing ovation to Lata Mangeshkar as the famous playback singer enthralled them with her lilting melodies.

The 5,000-strong audience nodded in agreement when India's High Commissioner K.G. Goray described Lata as India's best cultural ambassador and said: "One becomes mute after listening to Lata's lilting music."

The audience were film stars Dilip Kumar and his wife Saira Banu and Sunil Dutt and his wife Nargis.

We've taken a new look at Ontario's Planning Act.



Land. Ontario has over one million square kilometres of it. It's important to all of us that every kilometre is put to the best possible use, now and in the future.

That's why Ontario has a Planning Act. It's the legal framework that determines how land should be used, and in what form development should take place.

Under the present Act, municipalities wishing to pass bylaws relating to the use of land go to the Ontario Municipal Board for provincial approval.

In recent years, however, the provincial government's role in municipal planning has been changing. A committee established in 1975 took a close look at the Planning Act to see how it could be adapted to suit the changing needs of the municipalities as well as to make the procedures more efficient.

After getting reaction to the report of the Planning Act Review Committee, the government has now produced the White Paper outlining its position on revising the Act.

The main proposals are:

The province would place more emphasis on advice and assistance than on its current role of supervising and approving local planning decisions.

Municipalities, where appropriate, would be given autonomy to make planning decisions. This will apply to municipalities which have the resources and capabilities to handle increased planning responsibility.

The public would have better access into the planning process. Municipalities will have to extend public notification procedures to people who will be affected by planning decisions.

To speed up the process the Ontario Municipal Board would act only as an appeals body.

A copy of the White Paper has been made available to municipalities, planning boards and other interested groups. If you are interested, contact the Ministry of Housing, Communications Branch, 56 Wellesley St., W., Toronto, Ontario M7A 2K4.

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KITCHEN KORNER

By Pranati Sengupta

At long last, yogurt is being recognized by North Americans as a good, nutritious and fun food. Yogurt has a long history of success in many countries in the world. The name yogurt came from Turkey. For centuries, Indian cooks have had two basic secrets - the spices and yogurt, the latter of which Indians use as the French do wine. Indians knew the value of yogurt more than 2500 years ago, and considered it as an excellent source of protein and an almost perfect food as milk. People in India eat sweet yogurt for dessert but prefer the sour type for cooking. Tangy yogurt brings out the flavor of meat, fish and vegetables. It is also a great substitute for sour cream. With our new awareness of nutrition, most of us have begun caring about calories and vitamins more carefully than ever before. Low fat, plain yogurt contains between 130 to 150 calories per cup while sour cream has 445 calories. Yet it's every bit as smooth and creamy and even more refreshing. Start with an appetizer - make some dips or spreads with yogurt. Roasted eggplant combined with yogurt and chopped nuts is a delicious starter. Use yogurt as a salad dressing in place of mayonnaise to help the calorie balance in the diet. Yogurt makes a deliciously rich sauce in a fish or meat curry. Spare the heat when cooking with yogurt to avoid separation or curdling. Before adding the yogurt to a dish bring the heat down by removing the pot from the heat or blend a teaspoon of flour and a little hot gravy with the yogurt until it is smooth and to the serving temperature, then slowly add this mixture to the hot gravy. To make a meatloaf or hamburger, why don't you try adding a few tablespoonfuls of yogurt in the meat mixture; you will have the juiciest, tastiest meat loaf you ever made!

Yogurt is a great meat tenderizer. You can turn less tender, less expensive meat to a gourmet treat by using a simple tenderizing method. Instead of grinding, pounding or even adding some commercial meat tenderizers, marinate the meat in a mixture containing lemon juice and tangy yogurt; at the same time you will be adding flavor to the meat as well. So next time you spot a bargain on a roast of beef from a less tender part of the steer, buy it with the intention of making delicious beef curry or kabab which will be marinated in yogurt.

The greatest pleasure in summer cooking derives from making a simple thing seem extra special. Barbecue chicken is nice, but with yogurt marinate it's delicious. Yogurt seals the juice in, thus making it more flavorful and ensuring a good golden brown skin too.

An Indian dish called Raita is a sure fire way to brighten dull summer meals. A few interesting vegetables and yogurt combinations can whet even the fussiest palate.

Blend yogurt with ice-cold water or fruit juice for a quick nutritious sun drink. What could be a more nutritious snack than yogurt on a stick? For dessert the possibility is endless - start with a yogurt fruit bowl and you may finish with yogurt cheese cake. Knowing yogurt making is so simple, you may wonder why people pay so much to buy it from the store. Here is a very simple recipe for making yogurt. Combine 5 cups hot water and 2 cups powdered milk in a pan. Add 1 can (16 oz.) evaporated milk and bring to lukewarm about 110F. stirring with a wooden spoon. Blend 3 tbsp. plain yogurt with a little milk in a large bowl. Pour the rest of the warm milk into the bowl. Keep the mixture covered and let set in a warm place. When the mixture is the consistency of thick cream, refrigerate to chill before using.

Yogurt Carrot Soup

In a pan cook 1 lb. carrots, peeled and cut into 1 inch pieces, in 3 cups chicken stock or chicken broth over moderate heat until tender. Drain the carrots and reserve the stock. In a skillet saute 1 onion, minced, in 2 tbsp. butter until it is soft. Stir in 1½ tbsp. curry powder and cook the mixture, stirring, for 2 minutes. In a blender puree the carrots with the onion mixture and transfer the puree to a pan. Measure the reserved stock, add enough chicken stock or chicken broth to measure 3 cups, and stir the liquid into the puree. Bring the mixture to a simmer and simmer it for 5 minutes or until it is heated through. Whisk in 1½ cups yogurt, a little at a time, and heat it through but do not let it boil. Season the soup with salt and white pepper to taste and sprinkle it with minced coriander leaves.

Chilled Yogurt Soup

In a bowl combine 2 cups plain yogurt, 1 cup cold chicken broth, 6 ice cubes, 2 cucumbers, peeled, halved, seeded, and coarsely grated, ¾ cup minced red radishes, 2 tbsp. each of white or wine vinegar and olive oil, 1 tbsp. chopped fresh mint, and salt and white pepper to taste. Divide the soup and ice cubes among 6 individual glass bowls and garnish each serving with radish slices and fresh mint leaves.

Yogurt Cream

In a heavy saucepan combine 1 cup heavy cream (whipping cream) and 3 tbsp. sugar and bring the cream to the scalding point over low heat, stirring occasionally. Let the cream cool to room temperature and beat in 2 cups yogurt cheese (drained yogurt in cheese cloth) and 2 tbsp. apricot brandy. Pour the mixture into a bowl and chill it overnight. Serve the cream with fresh fruits. Makes about 3 cups.

Yogurt on a stick

In blender container, combine 2 cups yogurt, ½ cup apricot preserves, 1 cup apricot, peach or mango pulp, (few drops of yellow coloring) blend until smooth. Pour mixture into an 8 inch square pan. Freeze until firm or overnight. Remove from freezer; let stand 5 minutes to soften. Cut in half, then cut each half crosswise into 4 pieces. Insert a stick into each popsicle. Return to freezer about 1 hour before serving.

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Religious act proclaimed

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, Attorney General for Ontario, recently announced proclamation of the Religious Organizations' Lands Act.

The Act, which replaces the Religious Institutions Act, permits religious congregations to hold land for religious purposes in the name of trustees, without the congregation having to spend money to incorporate. The Act also provides that there can be a change of trustee without the religious group having to register a new deed.

The new Act recognizes the equal standing of all organized religions in Ontario by extending to all of them these convenient land-holding devices. They were previously available only to Christians and Jews.

"Ontario is a multicultural society whose population includes members of many other religious groups, particularly those which might generally be classified as Eastern religions," Mr. McMurtry said.

"It is only right and proper that these groups should enjoy the same privileges in respect of holding land as are enjoyed by the religions which have been present in Ontario for a longer time."

The new legislation, which was first introduced as a bill last December, was carried through second and third readings in the Legislature by Norman Sterling. Mr. McMurtry's Parliamentary Assistant, Mr. Sterling, MPP for Carleton-Grenville, accompanied the Attorney General on a three-week visit to India earlier this year.

First Indian JP

The Honourable of Roy McMurtry, Attorney General for Ontario, recently announced the appointment of Inderpaul Singh Chandhoke as a full-time Justice of the Peace.

The appointment is effective July 9. Mr. Chandhoke will perform duties assigned to him by Judge F.C. Hayes, Chief Judge of the Provincial Court (Criminal Divison).

Mr. Chandhoke, 26, is a native of Ludhiana, India. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Punjab University and a LL.B. at Meerut University.

Mr. Chandhoke has been employed as a law clerk with a Toronto law firm since August, 1978. He previously worked two years as a law clerk for Fidelity Developments Inc. of Toronto.

Mr. Chandhoke and his wife live in Scarborough.

Indian in field hockey team

Ajay Dube, 18, of Ottawa has been selected to the national team of Canadian Field Hockey for under 21, after very tough competitions across the nation. The national team is made up of 16 players.

Ajay has been a member of the Outaouais men's field hockey team. Out of the several players who took part in the pre-selection trial, for the Canadian under 21 squad staged in Toronto, were Ajay Dube and Vikas Desai also of Ottawa. Ajay and Vikas are also members of the Ontario under 21 team.

Ajay Dube

Salute these youngsters

The following are the names of Ontario Scholars of Indo-Canadian origin(who got an average of 80 percent or more in their grade 13 examination) in the Ottawa area. Apart from the honour they will each receive an award of $100.

Sanjiv Bhai — 81.3, Susan Chatterjee — 94.2, Denis Desai — 94.3, Babu Dukkipati — 84.0, Avinash Garg — 92.3, Shashi Gorur — 82.5, Suma Mathew 86.0, Shankar Raman — 86.5, Sangita Singa — 86.0, Rajiv Sinha —80.2, Sujata Sundaresan — 88.3, Anila Sunnak — 80.0. (This list may not necessarily be complete).

Allahabad girls win

Bhopal (IBS) — Nineteen year old Miss Sukesha Abral of Allahabad won the women's singles crown of the Bhopal Invitation Badminton Tournament when she defeated top-seeded Mrs. Anita Ganguly of Tamil Nadu 11-3, 1-11 and 11-8.

This was Sukesha's upset win in the tournament. She defeated top ranking players like Sudha Berna of Maharashtra in the quarter final and then Chitra Golwelkar of Indore in the semi-final.

Pradeep Gandhe of Bombay also caused an upset by defeating top seeded, and India's number two Syed Modi of Uttar Pradesh in the men's singles finals 15-5, 3-15, and 18-17.

In the boys singles, Kerala's junoir champion Vimal Kumar won the title in straight games, beating Sanjay Malhotra of Uttar Pradesh 15-3 and 15-5.

They were elected

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Center seeks help

Ottawa:

The summer program Youth Unlimited of Jack Purcell Community Centre are having four culture nights throughout the summer. The culture nights of July 10th and August 28th will be held at Jack Purcell Center from 7 to 10 p.m. The culture nights of July 26th and August 9th will be held at St. Lukes Community Center, 166 Frank St. from 7 to 10 p.m. We would appreciate any support and attendance for these special evenings.

If there is anyone interested in giving demonstrations in ethnic dances, foods or a talk on your culture it would make the culture night a great success. For further information phone Jack Purcell, 563-3313 or drop in to the center at 320 Elgin St.

A murder every

100 minutes

Lucknow, June 28 (UNI) — A murder every 100 minutes and a dacoity every 90 minutes was reported last year in Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state in the country.

The state, with a projected population of about 100 million, registered 33 riots and 22 robberies daily.

Guru's birthday in Vancouver

The Sikh Community of Vancouver British Columbia have united to celebrate the Quin Centenary Birthday of their third master GURU AMAR DAS JI (1479-1574).

Guru Amar Das Ji brought a great reformation in strengthening the Sikh community during his life. Some of the major works of Guru Amar Das Ji are as follows:

a) Equality for women including allowing widow marriages;
b) Stopping the ceremony of "SATI";
c) Service with full dedication and meditation of one God;
d) Establishment of Twentytwo sikh preaching centres throughout the country;
e) Tradition of communal kitchen "LANGAR";
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g) Composition of "GURBANI" divine hymns totalling 869 in seventeen different ragas.

Guru Amar Das Ji met Guru Angad Dev Ji at the age of seventy-three, he was bestowed with the Guruship. Guru Amar Ji lead the Sikh community for twentytwo years and passed away in the year 1574.

Killer gets life sentence

Vancouver

Shinda Singh Dhaliwal has been sentenced to life in prison for the Skid Road beating murder of a stranger who was alleged to have called him "a black bastard" during a drinking episode.

Justice Harry McKay, in sentencing Dhaliwal, accepted a recommendation by the Assize Court jury that he be eligible for parole after serving the minimum 10 years.

The jury was told that Dhaliwal and another man were drinking in an abandoned rooming house on Sept. 2, 1978, when they encountered Honore Joseph Lariviere.

Lariviere apparently made his comment about Dhaliwal while the men were drinking.

A Crown witness said that after the beating Dhaliwal set fire to Lariviere's beard and hair.

Highest levy

New Delhi, July 1 (UNI) — The element of excise duties in the price structure of petroleum products, particularly petrol and kerosene, is the highest in India compared to many other developing and developed countries.

In India, the excise and other local taxes per litre of petrol is 70 per cent, while in several developing and developed countries the percentage varies from 21 to 61, according to official figures.

With a price of over Rs.4 a litre of petrol, India also tops with the highest total prices of petrol. The per litre price for petrol in developing and developed countries is less than Rs. 4.

Similarly, in kerosene also, India has the highest percentage of excise and other duties of 35 per cent per litre.

For every litre of petrol bought in Delhi at Rs. 4.04, excise takes Rs. 2.75, sales tax 0.26 paise, dealers' commission 5 paise and freight cost 2 paise. The element of excise duty per litre of kerosene and high speed diesel oil is 50 paise each, according to official sources.

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